



Help for Dili

As this newsletter goes to print, a team of 22 OSA volunteers are, once again, living and working on board the USNS Mercy. The 11 storey US Navy hospital ship is moored in the harbour off Dili and while Navy personnel work on land helping the people of Dili with building and maintenance, our volunteers will be treating local children and young adults who have been born with facial deformities.

Our team lead by OSA Founder, Dr Richard Lewandowski will screen the patients on land and then the ones we are able to help will be transported daily onto The Mercy. *We will have a full report and pictures in our next newsletter.*

Upcoming Events

Race Day – Doomben

Saturday 28 August

Bookings essential

Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, Capalaba

Lunch & guided tour

Tuesday 2 September

\$25.00 per ticket includes lunch

To book call 3163 2866

Movie Night – ‘Eat, Pray, Love’

Starring Julia Roberts

Friday 8 October

Dendy Portside, Hamilton

Hanoi Craniofacial Mission

Sept 30 – Oct 10

GALA XMAS BALL

‘Tis the Season to Smile’

Friday 26 November

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

For more information on any of these events, please email events@operationsmile.com.au or call 07 3163 2866.

Operation Smile Annual Charity Race Day

Proudly sponsored by

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DOOMBEN RACE COURSE

St Leger Lawn

SATURDAY 28 AUGUST

From 12 Noon

\$95.00 a ticket or \$90.00 each for groups of 10 or more

- Gourmet BBQ Lunch, delicious desserts served with tea/coffee!
- Beer, wine and soft drinks included in ticket price and served from our private bar!
- Gate Entry included in ticket price!
- Great auction items and raffles!
- "Fashion on the Field" competition!
- Private tote directly behind our own marquees!
- Televisions for interstate races!

Bookings are essential—phone 3163 2866 or
Email—events@operationsmile.com.au

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Message from the Founder

From your correspondent in Timor.....

The sun is just setting to the west of Dili and the statue of Cristu Rei is fading into darkness. Meanwhile below deck on the USN Mercy our surgical team is just finishing up another day of cleft lip and palate operations. Three operating rooms, a buzzing recovery/records/holding area and ward 10 make up our work place - the "racks" our quarters. The mess hall opens and closes at Nursing Home hours and late comers are turned away. The wrong queue, stair side, attire or any other breach is greeted with a stern command.

But this is the Navy and they wouldn't have it any other way. We are the guests, the strangers, the freeloaders but somehow they acknowledge the job we do. From the Commanding Officer down to the kitchen hands, they all know

about Operation Smile and the lives that are changed after a single operation lasting just sixty minutes.

'The Pacific Partnership has brought us together for a third time since 2006; twice in Dili. Each time the staff of the Mercy, Operation Smile personnel and local Timorese volunteers have joined forces to help the people of Timor Leste have access to life changing surgery aboard a floating state of the art facility.

So as I take a breath of fresh sea air at the end of another day, I look forward to a restful rack sleep and the prospect of many Timorese children being granted their wish of just being another face in the crowd, tomorrow.

I.M.A. Volunteer

Another new smile heading our way!

Our next World Care Patient, 5 year old Genford and her Mum will arrive from the Philippines on 1 September. Brisbane Surgeons, Dr Robert Campbell and Dr Richard Lewandowski will operate on Genford on Saturday 4 September at the Mater Children's Private Hospital.

On arrival in Brisbane, Genford will be whisked off for an MRI and CT at Queensland X-Ray, blood tests at Mater Pathology and visits with her two Surgeons and Anaesthetist, Dr Phil Stephens.

Another busy time for our volunteers and staff! Lions Australia have agreed to contribute towards the costs for our little patient.



Lions Update

Lions are currently in the process of gearing up for the 2010 Lions Australia Operation Smile Appeal. Through the wonderful help of Heather Howard we should finish the mailout this week.

Hopefully we will raise about \$80,000 to help ensure that OSA can continue it's great work throughout the nations within our immediate area.

We were very pleased to donate \$20,000 towards the recent Dili mission and look forward to helping out with a couple more missions this year.

It was very pleasing to see that Lion Joan Macrow, a member of the Brisbane Holland Park Lions Club, was again supporting OSA by participating in the Dili mission. I thought some of her comments, shown below, in respect of the mission were very pertinent.

"We screened our patients at the back of Dr Dan's Clinic, a medical clinic run by a doctor who believes 'everyone is entitled to good health care' and everyone at least knew where to come to be screened. It was very hot but the patients were very grateful!! But all in all it was a great mission and I was very pleased I went to help such a great cause".

We look forward to working with OSA to help improve the quality of life of the medically disadvantage people throughout our region.

Yours in Lionism.

David floyd.

Chairman,

Lions Australia Operation Smile Project.



Operation Smile Launches in Sydney

Tuesday, 20 July 2010: Operation Smile Australia hosted over 120 supporters and guests to celebrate the launch of Operation Smile in Sydney.

The fundraising goal was surpassed, with the event raising a total of 40 Smiles (\$12,000). This was possible due to the support of sponsors including Gold Sponsor ANZ and Silver Sponsors AMP Capital, Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank, Markit, UBS, Westpac and Griffith University.

The event was held at the Chifley Tower in Sydney, where a photographic exhibition featured the work of Operation Smile Australia volunteer Kelly Hussey-Smith. Her moving, large-scale photographs documented medical missions in East Timor, Papua New Guinea, India and China.

The images, accompanied by the handwritten diary entries of Operation Smile volunteers, brought to life many of the life-changing miracles achieved by Operation Smile volunteers.

Given the warm reception for this successful fundraiser, Operation Smile Australia is now planning future events and activities in Sydney.

To view the photographs from the exhibition online go on this link

<http://australia.operationssmile.org/news/news/index.phtml#617>

The works are for sale; medium sized prints are \$250, and large prints cost \$500.

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A Night of a Thousand Smiles

Melbourne OSA medical volunteers, Lindy Hare and Alan Braidahl hosted our first event in Melbourne at the Malvern Town Hall in July. The beautiful old venue was decorated with a Chinese theme, while all the food served complimented the decor! Lots of people to thank –Our sponsors on the night –

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The Melbourne Committee – Barb Brayshaw, Caroline Daniell, Jayne Hanlon, Lindy Hare, Belinda Lawson and Di O'Sullivan – and their helpers, Lucy Mora, Michael Strownix and Mandy Salomon, and a very special thank you to Alan Braidahl and Lindy Hare for their leadership.



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Bits & Bites

Congratulations to OSA volunteers Courtney Richardson & Dan Allen who were married in August. Courtney and Dan met while on the 'Mercy' mission to PNG in 2008. Our very best wishes to you both – our very first OSA marriage!

We're Moving

On 9 September, OSA are moving into their great new office and storeroom at the Mater. We will be located on Level 1 in Aubigny Place – between the main entrance to Aubigny Place and the Convent. Our phone numbers, postal address and email addresses will all remain the same.

Thank you to Mater Health Services for providing us with this great new space and a special thank you to Tanya Hansen for all her help with the move!

Tour de Thailand 2010 - December 7 to January 1

The 8th Annual Tour de Thailand is our signature ride where we ride the length of Thailand in 24 days over 1,900 kms / 1,175 miles which includes 19 days of riding and 5 strategic days off for sightseeing, relaxation, and to take it all in. From the jungle-clad mountains of the north to the tropical islands of the south, the ride highlights the diverse geography, climate and cultures of Thailand. Tour de Thailand registration is come first serve and has a limit of only 50 registered riders per segment.

Paul Hamon completed last years ride and has this to say about it, "I completed the full ride last year, and it was amazing. You get to experience a side of Thailand that most tourist never witness. And it isn't as hard as you think, water stops every 20-25 km give you plenty of time." During the tour all accommodations and most meals are included. On riding days we provide plenty of water, fresh fruit, and electrolytes. We also provide a full fleet of support vehicles to handle emergencies, assist with bike repairs, or to help a rider whose legs might need a rest.

If you would like to enter this years Tour de Thailand visit www.tourdethailand.com, or would like to hear first hand what the ride was like drop paul@tourdeasia.org an email and he'd be happy to answer your questions.

PS Don't worry if everyone looks too professional with their cycling jersey in the attached photo, all riders receive them when they register.

OSA is a beneficiary of this event, with riders being asked to raise a minimum of USD500 for half the ride or USD1000 for the full ride.



SEX & THE CITY 2

Our biggest movie night yet – over 200 very glamorous ladies of all ages (plus a couple of very brave gents) joined us for a fun night out at the Dendy Portside in June. The much anticipated movie, Sex & The City 2 certainly did not disappoint in the fashion stakes and OSA's Norma Caton certainly did a wonderful job, yet again, with the catering.

A big thank you to the following companies who sponsored this event –

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